

## Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Segobiano, Members Rackauskas, Cavallini, and Ahart

Members Absent: Chairman Gordon, Member Baggett

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator;  
Ms. Lucretia Wherry, Recording Secretary,  
County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials  
Present: Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning

Others Present: Mr. Mike Behary, County Planner; Building and Zoning;

Vice Chairman Segobiano called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m. Vice Chairman Segobiano stated that the first order of business is the approval of the June 8, 2006 minutes. Hearing no additions or corrections, he placed the minutes of the June 8, 2006 Land Use and Development Committee meeting on file as submitted.

Vice Chairman Segobiano presented the bills from June 30, 2006 which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Land Use and Development Committee by the County Auditor. The prepaid total and fund total for the June bills is \$21,638.25.

Motion by Ahart/Cavallini to recommend approval of the June 30, 2006 bills as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Segobiano stated that the only item for action is an application by Deborah Plouffe and Don Pehlke to vacate a Riding Trail Easement on part of Lots 22 and 23 in the Prairie Trails Subdivision which is located in Old Town Township at 8794 Cherokee Circle and 8772 Cherokee Circle, Bloomington, IL File No. S-06-12. Vice Chairman Segobiano reminded the Committee that this is a public hearing. He opened the public hearing at 4:56 p.m.

Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning, stated that Lot 22 is one acre and Lot 23 is 1.3 acres in area. A riding trail easement was placed on the rear of many of the lots in the Prairie Trails Subdivision when it was approved in case S-75-06 on May 13, 1975. Although there is still a platted riding trail easement on these lots, there is not a trail in place and the homeowners of the Prairie Trails have indicated that they support a vacation of the riding trail easement. In addition, lot owners have planted trees and built fences four feet in height across the trail in several places. The applicants tried to have all the neighbors included in this application for vacation of the easement. All the neighbors support the vacation of lots 22 and 23, however, many of the neighbors did not wish to accept the expense of vacating the easements on their lot.

Staff recommends that the request to vacate the Riding Trail Easement on part of Lots 22 and 23 in the Prairie Trails Subdivision be approved. This request does not involve the Highway Department or the Health Department. The public hearing notice was published in *The Pantagraph* and all neighbors were notified by letter of this request.

The Committee reviewed the plat maps provided by staff and reviewed the layout of the subdivision. Mr. Dick added that the riding trail was not included in the covenant written by the homeowners in 1983.

Vice Chairman Segobiano thanked staff for their presentation. He invited the applicants and representatives to address the Committee. Ms. Deborah Plouffe stated that she hopes the Committee will approve the request. Ms. Plouffe thanked staff for all of their help.

Vice Chairman Segobiano asked if there were any comments from the County staff or other agencies. Hearing none, he invited Committee Members to ask any questions they may have.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if the County could facilitate vacation of the easements of the riding trail for the rest of the subdivision. Mr. Dick stated that there would be

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a cost to do so and that the County would have no public purpose for doing this.

Vice Chairman Segobiano asked if there were any further questions from Members of the Committee. Hearing no further questions, Vice Chairman Segobiano asked the Committee if they were ready to take action.

Motion by Cavallini/Rackauskas to recommend approval of a vacation of a Riding Trail Easement on part of Lots 22 and 23 in the Prairie Trails Subdivision which is located in Old Town Township at 8794 Cherokee Circle and 8772 Cherokee Circle, Bloomington, IL File No. S-06-12. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Segobiano stated that there are two items for information on the agenda. The October Land Use and Development Meeting has been rescheduled to September 28, 2006.

Also, a Citizen Planners Workshop will take place on Friday, October 13, 2006 in the County Board Room. This meeting is primarily intended for County Board members, City Council members, Planning Commissioners and Zoning Board members. This is sponsored by the Illinois Section of the American Planning Association and the Heartland of Illinois RC&D. This Workshop is being organized by local planners.

Ms. Dick stated that this workshop will be similar to the one held last fall. The same attorneys would be speaking. Ms. Rackauskas suggested that all members of the Committee attend. Mr. Dick requested help creating the guest list.

Vice Chairman Segobiano asked if there were any other comments or questions from the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Wherry  
Recording Secretary